



2019 DRI Application

Applications for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) must be received by the appropriate Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) by **4:00 PM on May 31, 2019** at the email address provided at the end of this application.

In **New York City**, the Borough Presidents' offices will be the official applicants to the REDC and organizations interested in proposing an area for DRI funding should contact the respective Borough President's office as soon possible. Based on these proposals, each Borough President's office will develop and submit no more than two formal applications for consideration by the New York City REDC. Applications to the offices of the Borough President must be received by email no later than **4:00 PM on May 10, 2019**. The subject heading on the email must be "Downtown Revitalization Round 4."

Applicant responses for each section should be as complete and succinct as possible. Additional information is available in the 2019 DRI Guidebook, available at www.ny.gov/DRI.

Applicants in the **Mid-Hudson region** must limit their application to a total of 15 pages, and no attachments will be accepted. The map of the DRI Area requested in question number 1 must be part of the 15-page limit.

Applicants should make every effort to engage the community in the development of the application. Prior to submission, applicants must have held a minimum of one meeting or event to solicit public input on the community vision and potential projects and should demonstrate that any input received was considered in the final application.

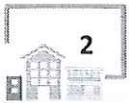
BASIC INFORMATION

- REDC Region: Long Island
- Municipality Name: City of Long Beach
- Downtown Name: Park Ave. Central Business District/Long Beach Boulevard Innovation District
- County Name: Nassau
- Applicant Contact(s) Name and Title: Patricia Bourne, Director of Economic Development and Planning
- Applicant Contact(s) Email Address and Secondary Email Address: pbourne@longbeachny.gov; citymanager@longbeachny.gov

VISION FOR DOWNTOWN

Provide a brief statement of the municipality's vision for downtown revitalization.

Enhance the Central Business District (CBD) and transportation hub/Innovation District as the major destination by expanding our Complete Streets Initiatives to introduce traffic calming measures and



dedicated bike lanes to make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to transverse the city and encouraging smart development including workforce housing, mixed-income and affordable housing, and local businesses to provide high-quality jobs and living to new and existing residents.

JUSTIFICATION

Provide an overview of the downtown area nominated for the DRI program, highlighting the area's defining characteristics and the reasons for its selection. Explain why the downtown is ready for Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) investment, and how that investment would serve as a catalyst to bring about revitalization.

At about 2 square miles, Long Beach is a highly compact and walkable City with higher densities than most of its Long Island counterparts. The Central Business District and associated Long Beach Blvd. Innovation District is the epicenter of the City's activity, a vibrant year round destination for the region due to its proximity to one of the country's cleanest beaches, boardwalk, shops, restaurants, a growing art and cultural environment and a multi-modal transportation hub connecting Long Beach to NYC/JFK via LIRR. One of the City's biggest challenges is making Park Avenue, the main thoroughfare in the Central Business District (CBD), more pedestrian and bike friendly and more attractive as a retail, cultural, and entertainment destination. Mixed residential and commercial properties along Park Avenue also have the potential to provide more mixed-income and affordable housing for residents. Currently, many cars speed and double park on Park Avenue; targeted traffic calming, including lane reduction and bike lane inclusion, could make the downtown more appealing to and safer for cyclists and pedestrians. Although severely affected by Superstorm Sandy, Long Beach is rebuilding stronger, smarter, and safer incorporating resiliency into all aspects of planning, and has become a model for other communities. Long Beach is seeing unprecedented private investment and job growth with potential for more as outlined in the current Comprehensive Plan draft. The Innovation District coworking center has doubled in size over the past 15 months to include 2 separate facilities, along with new office and retail space on Park Ave., led by the creation of brewery in the center of the downtown. This DRI funding would come at an opportune time as we are about to update and include resiliency in our zoning code (funding has been secured in the City's budget); these zoning changes will attract and influence developers to follow the recommendations set forth in our community driven Comprehensive Plan update and invest in smart redevelopment in Long Beach.

DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION

- 1) Boundaries of the proposed DRI area.** Detail the boundaries of the targeted downtown area or neighborhood, keeping in mind that there is no minimum or maximum size, but that the area should be concentrated and well-defined. Neighborhoods beyond traditional central business districts are

eligible if they can meet other criteria making them ripe for investment. Include a map that clearly delineates the area to be included in the downtown revitalization area.

The Park Ave CBD/Long Beach Blvd. Innovation District encompasses both sides of Park Avenue from Laurelton Blvd. to Long Beach Blvd. and continues northward to the Long Beach Blvd. Bridge. This area is inclusive of approximately 150 businesses including a newly established and expanding co-working facility and a new brewery under construction. The area also encompasses the entirety of the North Park neighborhood which is a low to moderate income, minority community located adjacent to industrial bayfront property that is ripe for smart and inclusive residential and commercial redevelopment. North Park was also recently recommended by New York State for designation in the federal Opportunity Zone community development program that was created by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. This area includes the center of government with City Hall, Court, Police and Fire Departments. Coupled with the Long Island Rail Road Station and bus station and the close proximity to local businesses, the area is an ideal location for transit-oriented development (TOD). The current Draft Comprehensive Plan outlines this area for improved services, connectivity with regard to streets and accessibility for North Park, affordable housing and mixed-income housing, and both job and recreational/cultural opportunities utilizing placemaking.

The downtown area as explained above serves as the primary Central Business District for the entire barrier island and Island Park year round with a total population of 49,761. This area has critically acclaimed and innovative restaurants, shops and boutiques, the LIRR, the Long Beach Movie Theatre, and Junction, a successful music venue/restaurant. During the summer season, the population of Long Beach doubles with additional daily and weekend visitors (approximately 25,000) from around the region. Long Beach also hosts major events, as well as nightly concerts and movies on the beach, which draw large crowds to the area. In June 2017, for the first time, the City of Long Beach in conjunction with the LI LGBT Network hosted Long Island Pride, which drew 20,000 visitors to the event for the weekend; Long Beach is hosting Long Island Pride for the third time in June 2019 and the World Surf League in September. As envisioned in the draft Comprehensive Plan, downtown investment can positively impact these populations through the provision of more services, a performing/cultural arts center (goal of actor and Long Beach native, Billy Crystal) as a regional destination, additional affordable and mixed income housing options (strong market demand present), employment opportunities, and open space/recreation opportunities along the waterfront. Additionally, this area is becoming more identified with transit-oriented development, especially due to its proximity to New York City, which is only 50 minutes away by railroad.

- 2) **Past investment, future investment potential.** Describe how this DRI area will be able to capitalize on prior private and public investment and catalyze future investments in the neighborhood and its

surrounding areas. Describe recent planning efforts that support public and private investment in the proposed DRI area.

The City of Long Beach is perfectly positioned to capitalize on investments because it is already occurring. The City has a proven track record of leveraging funding and incorporating resiliency into Post-Sandy projects. The City has its own Local Development Corporation and works closely, meeting monthly, with the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce on issues from beautification, sanitation, events and business support. After over 18 community meetings, the City is finalizing an update to the Comp Plan and will start a zoning code revision within this year to follow the planning process. The plan denotes a number of redevelopment opportunities in this area that could include new stores and restaurants, refurbishing the Stop and Shop Center and the City Hall site into a new mixed-use development, and developing along the underutilized Bayfront. Private funding thus far includes the Bridgeworks co-working facility expansion (\$2.8M), potential superblock development (\$300M), and Marketing funding (\$478K) among others. Public funding in the downtown includes funding for: bicycle lanes from DOT and DOS (\$1.275M), CP/LWRP from DOS and NYSERDA (\$262K), Marketing from ESD and GOSR (\$900K). Other public funding/TA sources include FEMA, GOSR, and OEM, etc.

- 3) Recent or impending job growth.** Describe how recent or impending job growth within or near the DRI area will attract professionals to an active life in the downtown, support redevelopment, and make growth sustainable in the long-term.

Receiving a total of \$1.4M in outside funding for a 3-year marketing initiative, which the City has continued with local funding, has sustained local businesses and spurred new ones. The City has new and exciting businesses opening each year, an average of 15 per year. The Comp Plan outlines a growth of 574-1,050 permanent jobs in this area with the proposed development in the CBD and bayfront that would harness diversity and create jobs. The City is already a regional destination, especially for young professionals with natural amenities, recreation, shops/restaurants that regularly receive media attention, while also being highly walkable/bikeable. Bridgeworks, the co-working facility, which opened in 2015 has already doubled its operations, opened a new space and purchased a tech company from Florida, attracting even more professionals to work in close proximity to Long Beach's downtown. Responding to the city's potential, a new wholesale and retail brewery is under construction that received PSEG and National Grid financial assistance. Current growth trends and a low unemployment rate mixed with the upcoming code changes will be a recipe for incredible job and economic growth potential.

- 4) Attractiveness of physical environment.** Identify the properties or characteristics that the DRI area possesses that contribute, or could contribute if enhanced, to the attractiveness and livability of the downtown for a diverse population of varying ages, income, gender identity, ability, mobility, and cultural background. Consider, for example, the presence of developable mixed-use spaces, varied

housing types at different levels of affordability, walkability and bikeability, healthy and affordable food markets, and public parks and gathering spaces.

Downtown Long Beach is compact, walkable/bikeable and attractive to millennials and other age groups. Data shows that commuters in Long Beach bike/walk more than twice the national average and use our extensive City bus system, housed at the Multimodal Center adjacent to the LIRR station with bicycle and car parking. There are a number of properties ripe for redevelopment (some with potential for mixed-use conversion) with more diverse housing type/affordable options and an existing robust rental market with higher density than the region, a super market and a biweekly farmers market, held in Kennedy Plaza next to the multimodal transportation hub. The City recently implemented, and will soon be expanding a streetscape project, with state funds, that added more bike parking options, greenery, and recycling receptacles. This area is also in close proximity to the City's Ocean Beach Park, boardwalk, recreation center, and ice arena. The Comprehensive Plan outlines the need for cultural arts/performing space, open space, mixed use development with access to the ocean and bayfront. The Arts Council and others groups have provided 5 new murals.

5) Quality of Life policies. Articulate the policies in place that increase the livability and quality of life of the downtown. Examples include the use of local land banks, modern zoning codes, comprehensive plans, complete streets plan, transit-oriented development, non-discrimination laws, age-friendly policies, and a downtown management structure. If policies that support livability and quality of life in downtown are not currently in place, describe near-term efforts by the municipality to create and implement such policies.

In 2013, the City Council adopted a Complete Streets policy to better the quality of life for residents and support economic development by accommodating all modes and users of the transportation system with the goal of increasing walkability and bikeability. Since then, the City has secured two REDC grants to implement this policy with bike lanes in the downtown and a streetscape program because of the need for traffic calming and pedestrian protection. Following the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the City will undertake a complete zoning code update which will include mixed use districts, resiliency and bayfront redevelopment and with a strong focus on and incentives for transit oriented development (Long Beach is a proposed TOD in the NYMTC plan). The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will enable Long Beach to issue in 2013, the City Council adopted a Complete Streets policy to better the quality of life for residents and support economic development by accommodating all modes and users of the transportation system with the goal of increasing walkability and bikeability. Since then, the City has secured two REDC grants to implement this policy with bike lanes in the downtown and a streetscape program because of the need for traffic calming and pedestrian protection. Following the completion of the Comprehensive Plan, the City will undertake a complete zoning code update which will include mixed use districts, resiliency and bayfront redevelopment and with a strong focus on and incentives for transit oriented development (Long Beach is a proposed TOD in the NYMTC plan). The adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will enable Long Beach to issue an RFQ for a master developer. The City also works on downtown revitalization and downtown management strategies, often in close partnership with the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Beautification Committee. Together

with the Chamber, the City promotes events and workshops for local businesses and works on downtown beautification projects, including a recent project of maintaining decorative planters along Park Avenue. The Long Beach Arts Council has also started First Fridays+ programming, which is a monthly series of affordable or free arts programming for the community. Additional non-discrimination laws the City has adopted in recent years include: protection for transgender workers, an MWBE requirement, and a Language Access Policy.

- 6) Public support.** Describe the public participation and engagement process conducted to develop the DRI application, and the support of local leaders and stakeholders for pursuing a vision of downtown revitalization. Characterize the commitment among local leaders and stakeholders to preparing and implementing a strategic investment plan.

Support for downtown revitalization has been captured through 6 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings and 18 public meetings held for the Comprehensive Plan the past three years as well as NYRCRP/NY Rising public meetings and surveys through the Long Beach Listens webpage. The CAC is a diverse group of local community leaders. The City has also held numerous small groups meetings to develop strategic partnerships with local community members for important issues, such as developing affordable housing and preventing overdevelopment and gentrification. The Concerned Citizens of North Park working with Harvard, Hofstra, and Erase Racism had also conducted additional planning that was incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and was well received. Planning and support for the revitalization of this area goes back decades. The CAC can also be the core group for the DRI Planning Committee and the Department of Economic Development and Planning is positioned with the experience to act as the local lead for the program. The Chamber of Commerce, which has recently restructured its organization to be more efficient and receptive to local businesses, has also expressed support for downtown revitalization and is invested in working with the City to achieve a more attractive and safer downtown for residents and visitors. Meetings have been held to support revitalization with the chamber, residents, civic group[s], the LDC, Beautification Committee, the schools and religious leaders.

- 7) Transformative opportunities.** Describe opportunities to build on the strengths described above by providing a list of transformative projects that could be ready for implementation with an infusion of DRI funds within the first one to two years (depending on the scope and complexity of the project). Identify potential development opportunities, such as municipally-owned property that may be appropriate for redevelopment. Projects may be public or private, and could address economic development, transportation, housing, and community development needs. It should be recognized that if a DRI award is made to the downtown, the projects identified here, along with any others that may arise during the DRI planning process, will ultimately be vetted by the Local Planning Committee and the State to determine which projects receive DRI grants.

If awarded, the DRI funds would transform the City of Long Beach, from an already exciting place to live and visit, to a more revitalized, resilient, and effective downtown. In year one, we would be ready to move quickly on a number of projects. The first would be a feasibility study for Park Avenue and the Bayfront, which has the potential to feature retail, cultural/recreational facilities, and pedestrian and bicycle amenities, along with the Innovation District. These would leverage the concepts from the Comprehensive Plan and dive deeper into the proposals brought forth to learn specific economic and capital details, which would make the properties much more easily developable for private investors. The second project we could work on in year 1 would be a total redevelopment of Park Avenue, including but not limited to; work on the center parking malls, landscaping, streetscaping furniture, dedicated bicycle lanes and pedestrian improvements, lane reduction, traffic calming, and redesigned crosswalks and crossing signals. This project would improve the safety, accessibility, and aesthetics of the area and would increase economic development in the downtown and make it attractive for further redevelopment and economic investment. After that, on a much larger scale, a project we would be ready to move on would be the redevelopment of the City Hall property. This project is one that is proposed in the Comprehensive Plan; and as the City owns all the property it is feasible in year 1. The proposed City Hall parcel concept is part of a bigger plan for the entirety of the downtown from the Comprehensive Plan, in which we envision transit-oriented and mixed-use redevelopment with retail and mixed-income (affordable) housing, centered around the LIRR and a new performing and cultural arts space. The City has had a number of interested developers for both Bayfront and downtown redevelopment projects, so we are confident that, if awarded the DRI money, we would be able to move quickly on the projects proposed for both Park Avenue and the City Hall parcel.

- 8) Administrative Capacity.** Describe the existing local administrative capacity to manage this planning and implementation initiative, including the ability to oversee contracts for awarded municipal projects using existing staff and resources.

As previously said, the Department of Economic Development and Planning is positioned with the experience to act as the local lead for the program and working with the Department of Public Works would manage the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. These departments have a history of working closely together on different projects, some of which include: state and federal grant funded projects, road reconstruction projects, implementing bicycle lanes, streetscape initiatives, etc. Both departments have a history of overseeing multiple grants, consultants and contracts at one time. We are confident these two City departments, which already work closely together on numerous projects, have the administrative capacity to oversee and manage the process. Additionally, the City has an excellent working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, who could provide guidance on downtown issues and solutions.

9) **Other.** Provide any other information that informs the nomination of this downtown for a DRI award.

The current state funded draft Comprehensive Plan and Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (expected to be completed mid 2018) have considered the existing conditions of Long Beach, captured public sentiment about future development through extensive public outreach and outlined resilient opportunities Post-Sandy for the defined area complete with conceptual images backed by an initial economic analysis. This foundation of information and action items outlined with associated funding resources can be used as a catalyst for the next phase that will update the City's zoning code and position the City to issue an RFQ for the developable properties. The City's initiatives undertaken have been in line with the LIREDC vision and have been touched on throughout this application including the identification/development of the innovation district and rebuilding/expanding transportation infrastructure to incorporate resiliency, Complete Streets and to improve accessibility (i.e. downtown bike lanes, grant funded). The City is overcoming historical racism through the North Park Initiative where inclusivity is being pursued and collaborative efforts/services are tackling the issues.

SUBMISSION

Applications from interested communities must be submitted electronically to the relevant Regional Economic Development Council at the email address in the table below. Proposals for areas within New York City must be sent to the relevant Office of the Borough President, which will select two applications for submission to the NYC Regional Economic Development Council.

- Capital Region NYS-CapitalDist@esd.ny.gov
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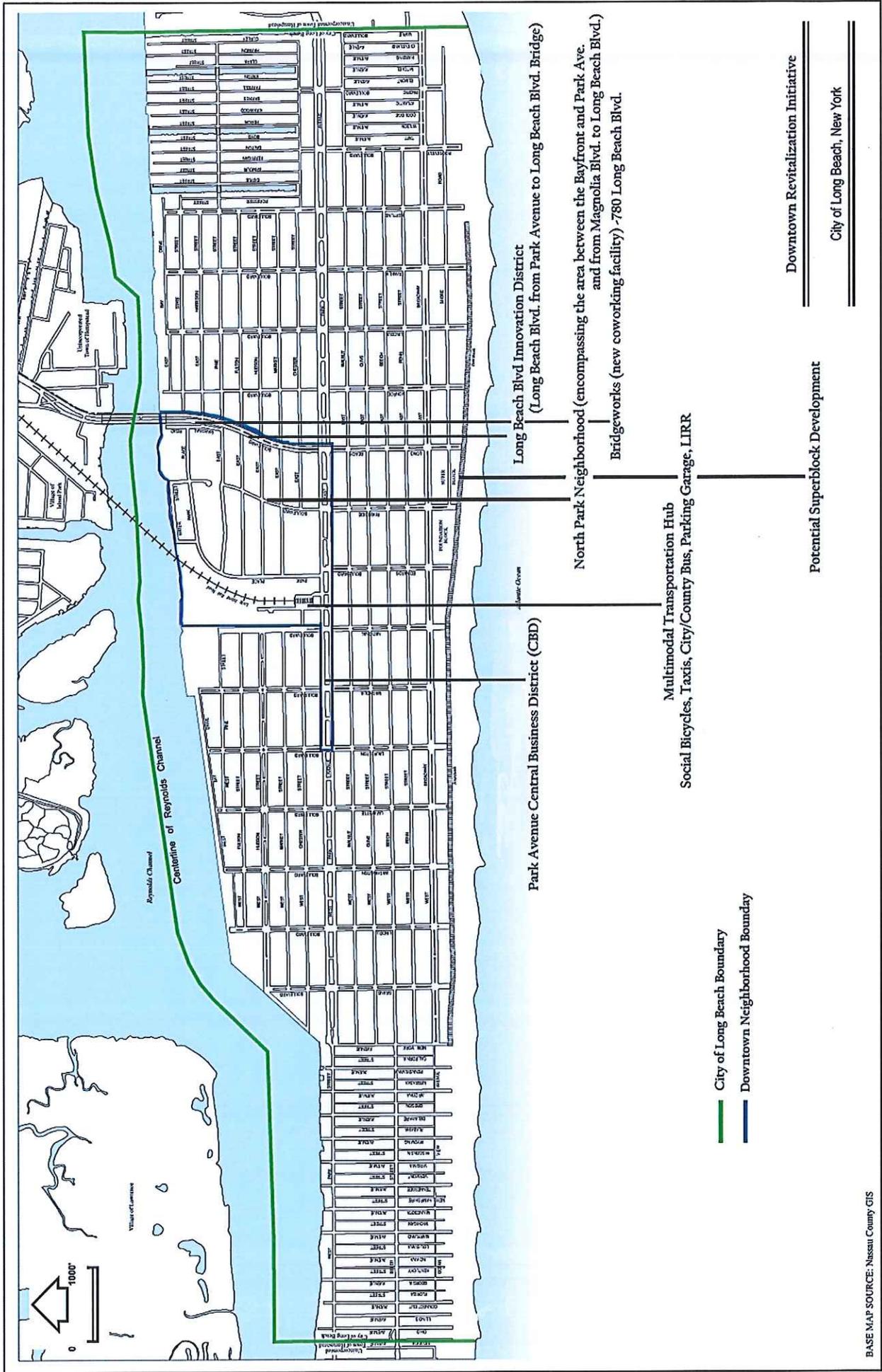
- Southern Tier NYS-SouthernTier@esd.ny.gov

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- Western New York NYS-WNY-REDC@esd.ny.gov

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- New York City - Submit to the appropriate office below.
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Friday, May 31, 2019

Long Island Regional Economic Development Council (LIREDC)
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Re: REDC - Long Island Downtown Revitalization Initiative

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Dear Long Island Regional Economic Development Council,

I write to you in support of the City of Long Beach Downtown Revitalization Initiative application for the Park Avenue Central Business District/Long Beach Boulevard Innovation District. The central business district of Long Beach exhibits the qualities a downtown should possess as defined by this Initiative and is perfectly positioned for revitalization. It is extremely critical for the City of Long Beach to receive funding at this time in order to complement/leverage the current resiliency work taking place post-Superstorm Sandy as well as current and future private investment.

Some of this work includes the update to our planning guidelines, with initial recommendations for downtown and bayfront (transit oriented) development that will increase jobs, support connectivity and affordability as well as encourage the provision of available space for the already robust cultural art community led by such groups as the City's Arts Council, Arts in the Plaza, Artists in Partnership and the implementation of Complete Streets and streetscape initiatives within our central downtown with the assistance of NYS DOT and NYS DOS funding. After the planning guidelines are complete, the city and community are committed to updating the 30 year old zoning code.

The Chamber has been strengthened in the last few years with new board leadership. There has been a focus on working closely with the city on projects such as beautification, sanitation, infrastructure, local business support and special events, planned through monthly meetings. The Innovation District on Long Beach Blvd. is growing; it is led by the investment of a Chamber board member which has created coworking space in two buildings.

The Downtown Revitalization funding would build upon the growth spurred by the LIREDC and catalyze dramatic, positive changes for Long Beach with the potential to affect the region. making Long Beach a model New York State community "where tomorrows workforce wants to live, work and raise a family"

Sincerely,

Ian Danby, Chairman

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May 31, 2019

Stuart Rabinowitz and Kevin Law
Regional Co-Chairs
Long Island Regional Development Council
150 Motor Parkway
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Dear Co-Chairs Stuart Rabinowitz and Kevin Law,

I am writing to express my strong support for your agency awarding the City of Long Beach's *Park Avenue Central Business District/Long Beach Boulevard Innovation District* the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. As the representative for Long Beach in the New York State Senate, I believe this grant is imperative to its continued success as the premier Long Island beach community.

This grant would enable the City to update planning guidelines and zoning codes to increase the amount of retail and arts space available, as well as improve walkability and public transit accessibility. The city would also use the grant, in conjunction with NYSDOT and NYSDOS, to implement the Complete Streets and Streetscapes initiative within the central downtown area. This initiative will alleviate safety issues between cars, pedestrians, and cyclists by constructing bike lanes, bump outs, new curbs, sidewalks, and crosswalks. Green infrastructure, including tree pits, vegetation, and stormwater storage vaults, will also be incorporated to reduce flooding during storms. These critical infrastructure improvements would complement ongoing resiliency efforts by the City in the wake of superstorm Sandy.

If awarded this grant, I have no doubt that the City will build upon the gains that they have made following the storm. With this grant, the city will take its place as a model New York State community "where tomorrow's workforce wants to live, work, and raise a family." Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Todd Kaminsky
Senator, 9th District





MELISSA MILLER
 Assemblywoman 20th District
 Nassau County

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Some of this work includes an update to our planning guidelines, with initial recommendations for downtown and bayfront [transit oriented] redevelopment that will increase jobs, support connectivity and affordability as well as encourage the provision of available space to encourage the already robust cultural art community; the implementation of Complete Streets and streetscape initiatives within our central downtown with the assistance of NYSDOT and NYSDOS funding; and the update to our zoning code which will transform redevelopment opportunities presented in the community.

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Sincerely,

MELISSA MILLER
 Member of Assembly
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